

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 9 starting at line 3 with the following paragraph:

In the context of one embodiment of a laundry washing operation, it is expected that the laundry will undergo a laundry washing step in the presence of a detergent use solution. At least a portion of the detergent use solution can be drained from the laundry prior to the step of treating the laundry with a bleaching and antimicrobial composition. Alternatively, at least a portion of the detergent use solution can be drained from the laundry and the laundry can be rinsed to further remove the detergent use solution from the laundry prior to the step of treating the laundry with a bleaching and antimicrobial composition. Various techniques for washing laundry with a detergent use solution can be utilized according to the invention for cleaning laundry prior to the step of treating with a bleaching and antimicrobial composition. The detergent use solution can be an alkaline or an acid detergent use solution. Techniques for acid cleaning are described in German Publication No. DE 101 50 403 A1 that was published on April 30, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Additional techniques for acid cleaning are disclosed in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/739,922 (United States Patent Application Publication Number 20050137105) that was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Various techniques for cleaning that include alkaline cleaning are described in United States Patent Application Publication No. 20030162682 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 28, 2003, and U.S. Patent No. 6,194,371 that was filed on February 7, 2001, the entire disclosures of which is incorporated herein by reference. Additional techniques for cleaning laundry are described in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/600,091 (United States Patent Application Publication Number 20040259754) that was filed

with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In general, it is expected that an alkaline wash refers to a wash that takes place at a pH at between about 7 and about 13, and can include a pH of between about 8 and about 12. In general, it is understood that an acid wash refers to a wash having a pH of between about 1 and about 6, and can refer to a wash having a pH in the range of about 2 to about 4.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 22, line 22 with the following paragraph:

An exemplary peroxycarboxylic acid composition that can be used according to the invention includes medium chain peroxycarboxylic compositions such as those containing peroxyoctanoic acid compositions. Exemplary medium chain peroxycarboxylic acid compositions that can be used include those described in U.S. Application Serial No.

[[ \_\_\_\_\_ ]] 10/754426 (attorney docket number ~~163.1808US01~~ 163.1801US01) that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 9, 2004, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 42 line 27 and bridging page 43 with the following paragraph:

The swatches were exposed to ozonated water (67 to 69°F) at specified pH, and the water contained between 1 and 2 ppm of dissolved ozone. One duplicate set of swatches was exposed to the test conditions for 15 minutes, and another duplicate set for 30 minutes. After the swatches were removed from the system at the specified times, the swatches were allowed to dry and then read in a Hunter colorimeter for "% Soil Removal." The results are reported in ~~Figure 6~~ Figure 5.